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Sir:

Enclosed for filing is the utility patent application of Koji NAITO, Hideyuki HASHIMOTO, Hiroyuki IDEYAMA and Katsuhisa TOYAMA for IMAGE PROCESSING APPARATUS, IMAGE FORMING APPARATUS, INFORMATION EMBEDDING METHOD, AND INFORMATION EMBEDDING PROGRAM.

Applicant(s) hereby request(s) that the above-captioned application NOT BE PUBLISHED under 35 U.S.C. § 122(b) and 37 C.F.R. § 1.211. The undersigned hereby certifies that the invention disclosed in this application has not and will not be the subject of an application filed in another country, or under a multilateral international agreement, that requires publication at eighteen months after filing.

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Basic Application Fee					\$710.00 (101)
Total Claims	28	MINUS 20 =	8	× \$18.00 (103) =	\$144.00
Independent Claims	7	MINUS 3 =	4	× \$80.00 (102) =	\$320.00
If multiple dependent claims are presented, add \$270.00 (104)					0
Total Application Fee					\$1,174.00
If small entity status is claimed, subtract 50% of Total Application Fee					0
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